



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, December 4, 2024

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on National Finance met this day at 4:21 p.m., in room W110, 1 Wellington St., the chair, the Honourable Claude Carignan, P.C., presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Carignan, P.C., Dalphond, Forest, Gold, P.C., Kingston, Loffreda, MacAdam, Moreau, Pate, Ross, Smith and Woo (12).

Other senators present: The Honourable Senators Cardozo, Deacon (Nova Scotia), Downe, Gignac, Miville-Dechêne and Moncion (6).

Participating in the meeting: Sylvain Fleury and Shaowei Pu, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, the committee continued its consideration of Bill C-78, An Act respecting temporary cost of living relief (affordability).

APPEARING:

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance Canada:

Miodrag Jovanovic, Assistant Deputy Minister, Tax Policy Branch;

Gervais Coulombe, Acting Director General (Legislation), Sales Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch;

Dominic DiFruscio, Director, GST/HST General Operations and Border Issues, Sales Tax Division;

David Turner, Senior Advisor, Sales Tax Division.

Canada Revenue Agency:

Luisa Rizzo, Director General, GST/HST Rulings Directorate, Legislative Policy and Regulatory Affairs Branch;

Sahil Behal, Director General, GST/HST and Digital Compliance Directorate.

The minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:38 p.m., the committee resumed.

Gervais Coulombe, Dominic DiFruscio, David Turner, Luisa Rizzo and Sahil Behal answered questions.

At 6:19 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Andrea Mugny

Clerk of the Committee